

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

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Robert A. Smith,

Plaintiff,

v.

Centurion Medical, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:23-cv-01030-RFB-BNW

**ORDER**

This action began with a *pro se* civil rights complaint filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by a state prisoner. Plaintiff has submitted an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF No. 6 at 4–14.) Based on the financial information provided, the Court finds that Plaintiff is unable to prepay the full filing fee in this matter.

The Court entered a screening order on April 15, 2025. (ECF No. 19.) The screening order imposed a 90-day stay and the Court entered a subsequent order in which the parties were assigned to mediation by a court-appointed mediator. (ECF Nos. 19, 22.) The parties did not settle at mediation. (ECF No. 26.) This case will therefore proceed onto the normal litigation track.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Plaintiff's application to proceed in forma pauperis (ECF No. 6 at 4–14) is **GRANTED**. Plaintiff shall not be required to pay an initial installment of the filing fee. In the event that this action is dismissed, the full filing fee must still be paid pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2).

2. The movant herein is permitted to maintain this action to conclusion without the necessity of prepayment of any additional fees or costs or the giving of security therefor.

3. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915, the Nevada Department of Corrections will forward payments from the account of **ROBERT A. SMITH, #57368** to the Clerk of the United States District Court, District of Nevada, at a rate of 20% of the preceding month's deposits (in months that the account exceeds \$10.00) until the full \$350 filing fee has been paid for this action. The

1 Clerk of Court will send a copy of this order to the Finance Division of the Clerk's Office. The  
2 Clerk of Court will also send a copy of this order to the attention of the **Chief of Inmate Services**  
3 **for the Nevada Department of Corrections** at [formapauperis@doc.nv.gov](mailto:formapauperis@doc.nv.gov).

4 4. The Clerk of Court shall electronically **SERVE** a copy of this order and a copy of  
5 Plaintiff's first amended complaint (ECF No. 17) on the Office of the Attorney General of the  
6 State of Nevada by adding the Attorney General of the State of Nevada to the docket sheet. This  
7 does not indicate acceptance of service.

8 5. Service must be perfected within ninety (90) days from the date of this order  
9 pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m).

10 6. Subject to the findings of the screening order (ECF No. 19), within twenty-one (21)  
11 days of the date of entry of this order, the Attorney General's Office shall file a notice advising  
12 the Court and Plaintiff of: (a) the names of the defendants for whom it accepts service; (b) the  
13 names of the defendants for whom it does not accept service, and (c) the names of the defendants  
14 for whom it is filing the last-known-address information under seal. As to any of the named  
15 defendants for whom the Attorney General's Office cannot accept service, the Office shall file,  
16 under seal, but shall not serve the inmate Plaintiff the last known address(es) of those defendant(s)  
17 for whom it has such information. If the last known address of the defendant(s) is a post office  
18 box, the Attorney General's Office shall attempt to obtain and provide the last known physical  
19 address(es).

20 7. If service cannot be accepted for any of the named defendant(s), Plaintiff shall file  
21 a motion identifying the unserved defendant(s), requesting issuance of a summons, and specifying  
22 a full name and address for the defendant(s). For the defendant(s) as to which the Attorney General  
23 has not provided last-known-address information, Plaintiff shall provide the full name and address  
24 for the defendant(s).

25 8. If the Attorney General accepts service of process for any named defendant(s), such  
26 defendant(s) shall file and serve an answer or other response to the first amended complaint (ECF  
27 No. 17) within sixty (60) days from the date of this order.  
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